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NORTH CENTRAL LIBRARY CONFERENCE
Hotel Lowry, St. Paul, Minn.
October 14-17, 1930

Headquarters:—Hotel Lowry will be the general headquarters and also state headquarters for Minnesota.

Rates:—Single rooms—\$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00 per day.

Double rooms—\$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$6.00 per day.

Twin beds—\$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50 per day.

Extra cots in double rooms—\$1.00 extra.

Make reservations directly with the hotel.

Railroad Rates:—The Western Passenger Association has granted a rate of a fare and one half on the Certificate plan. Certificates must be secured when purchasing tickets (or a receipt for fare will be accepted, if certificates are not obtainable). Half fare will be given on the return ticket, provided 100 certificates are deposited with Gertrude Glennon at the general registration desk and validated by the City ticket agent of St. Paul.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Tuesday, October 14

2:30 P. M.—Registration—Hotel Lowry.

Library Commissions Round Table

8:30 P. M.—Informal Reception—St. Paul Public Library

Open House—Hill Reference Library

Wednesday, October 15

9:30 A. M.—FIRST GENERAL SESSION—Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry; Edna G. Moore, President, Minnesota Library Association, presiding

Book Evaluation

Experiments in Fiction—Margaret Culkin Banning, Trustee, Duluth Public Library.

International Mind Alcoves—the World Outlook Through Books—Amy Heminway Jones, Division Assistant, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

The Year's Output of Books—Mary K. Reely, Chief Book Selection Department, Wisconsin Free Library Commission.

History, Travel, Biography—Helen Baird, Minneapolis Public Library

Technical Books—Helen Rugg, 1st Assistant Hill Reference Library, St. Paul.

12:30 P. M.—LUNCHEONS

School Librarians, Tahitian Room, Margaret Greer, Librarian, Central High School, Minneapolis, Chairman.

Teachers College Librarians, Silver Room, Anna V. Jennings, Librarian, State Teachers College Library, Kearney, Neb., Chairman

2:00 P. M.—ROUND TABLES

Small Public Libraries, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry—Ruth A. Longden, President, South Dakota Library Association, Chairman.

Developing a Library Consciousness Within a Community; Contacts with Outside Organizations and Factors in Securing Adequate Appropriation—Mrs. Bernice H. Knight, Librarian, Two Rivers, Wisconsin

Newspaper Publicity and Publicity Within the Library—Mrs. Evelyn S. Bray, Librarian, Grinnell, Iowa

The Position of the Librarian Within the Community, her Contacts and Activities—Dorothea Heins, Librarian, Aberdeen, S. D.

The Present Book Market and Economy in Book Buying—Agnes V. Johnson, Librarian, Chisholm, Minnesota

Large Public Libraries, Colonial Room, Hotel Lowry—Forrest B. Spaulding, Librarian, Des Moines Public Library, Chairman

How Can Organized Co-operation Between Public Libraries in the 6 Northwest States Benefit All Who Participate?

1. Introduction of Library Borrowers
Removing from One City to Another.
2. Reciprocal Messenger Service for Overdue Books.
3. Co-operation in Reference Service.

College Libraries, Blue Room, Hotel Lowry—Mary B. Humphrey, Reference Librarian, University of Iowa Library, Iowa City, Chairman

School Librarians, Tahitian Room, Hotel Lowry—Harriet A. Wood, Director of School Libraries, Minnesota Department of Education, Chairman.

The Librarian and the Teacher—Rural and Elementary Schools, Flora Trites, Institute Instructor, Minnesota State Department of Education; The Junior High School, Wanda Orton; The Senior High School, Mrs. Nettie Dugas, Librarian, Mechanic Arts High School, St. Paul; National Cooperation, Rewey B. Inglis

4:00 P. M.—2nd GENERAL SESSION, Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry

Charging Books in the Machine Age—The Dickman Machine and the Toledo Method; The Gaylord Electric-Automatic Machine; The Detroit Self-Charging System; The Old Way of Charging Defended

8:30 P. M.—3rd GENERAL SESSION—Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry, S. J. Carter, President, Wisconsin Library Association, presiding.

Address: What is an Educated Person?—Dr. Everett Dean Martin, Director, The People's Institute, New York City.

Thursday, October 16

9:30 A. M.—4th GENERAL SESSION—Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry, J. Sidney Johnson, President, Iowa Library Association, presiding.

County Libraries

Trends in Town-Country Relations Significant for Library Service—Prof. J. H. Kolb, University of Wisconsin

Why Books for Farmers—Alson Secor, Successful Farming, Des Moines, Iowa

Farmers and County Libraries—Carroll Streeter, The Farmer's Wife, St. Paul, Minn.

The Outlook for County Libraries—Five minute reports from each state.

9:30 A. M.—CHILDREN'S LIBRARIES SECTION—Auditorium, Wilder Building, Della McGregor, Chief Juvenile Division, St. Paul Public Library, Chairman

Laying the Foundation Stones—Letha Davidson, Public Library, Ames, Iowa

Scandinavian Picture Books and Their Illustrators—Alice Brunat, Assistant Children's Librarian, Minneapolis Public Library

Outstanding New Books for Boys and Girls, 1929-30—Isabelle McLaughlin, Children's Librarian, Sumner Branch Library, Minneapolis

General discussion of juvenile book selection problems to include: Successful methods of weeding; substitutes for sets and series; what titles shall be included in class-room library sets for the kindergarten and first three grades, etc.

10:45 A. M.—HOSPITAL LIBRARIANS
—Tahitian Room, Hotel Lowry, Perrie Jones, Supervisor, State Institution Librarians, St. Paul, Chairman.

Adult Education in Wisconsin Prisons
—C. B. Lester, Secretary, Wisconsin Free Library Commission

The Patient Speaks—Frances Boardman, St. Paul.

12:30 P. M.—LUNCHEONS
Catalogers, Eliza Lamb, Chairman
Children's Librarians, Junior Ball Room, Della McGregor, Chairman

County Librarians, Silver Room, Myra W. Buell, Chairman

Hospital Librarians, Tahitian Room—Reports from different states on the extent of hospital library work.

Trustees, Colonial Room, J. Sidney Johnson, Chairman

2:00 P. M.—ROUND TABLES

CATALOGERS, Auditorium, Wilder Building, Eliza Lamb, University of Wisconsin Library, Chairman

The Cataloger—Mechanistic or Intellectual?—Ralph M. Dunbar, Assistant Librarian, State College Library, Ames, Iowa

Tendencies in Catalogs and Classifications—J. C. M. Hanson, Chicago

Cataloging Problems in the Small Library—Dorothea Heins, Librarian, Alexander Mitchell Library, Aberdeen, S. D.

Cataloging Problems in the College Library—Harriet A. Pearson, Assistant Librarian, State Agricultural College, Fargo, N. D.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS, Junior Ball Room, Della McGregor, Chairman

The Making of Children's Books—Louise Seaman, Head of Children's Book Department, Macmillan Publishing Co.

The Development of Taste in Adolescents—Anna M. Dickson, Teacher of English, Central High School, St. Paul

The Adventures of a Book Critic—Anne Carroll Moore, Director of Library Work with Children, New York Public Library and Editor of Three Owls Page, New York Herald-Tribune Books.

REFERENCE WORK, Green Room, S. J. Carter, Reference Librarian, Public Library, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Chairman

What is Reference Work? Upon What Sort of Questions should the Librarian Spend His Time? Where, if at all, Should He Draw the Line? Led by Miss Katherine Dame, St. Paul Public Library

New and Significant Reference Books, led by Mrs. Winifred L. Davis, Madison, Wisconsin.

Our Service to Schools. Problems in cooperation and coordination, led by Adra M. Fay, Minneapolis Public Library

Administrative problems, discipline, special privileges, vandalism and theft, etc.

6:30 P. M.—DINNER—Grand Ball Room, Hotel Lowry

Hostesses will be provided at each table, with special tables for Alumni Associations.

8:30 A. M.—STATE ASSOCIATION BREAKFASTS AND BUSINESS SESSIONS

Iowa—Casino, Hotel St. Paul, J. Sidney Johnson, presiding

Nebraska—Tahitian Room, Hotel Lowry, Gilbert H. Doane, presiding

North Dakota—Colonial Room, Hotel Lowry, Ruth O. Brown, presiding

South Dakota—Room 234, Hotel St Paul, Ruth A. Longden, presiding

Wisconsin—Roof Garden, Hotel St. Paul, S. J. Carter, presiding

Minnesota—Junior Ball Room, Hotel Lowry, Edna G. Moore, presiding

11 A. M.—GENERAL SESSION—Grand Pall Room, Hotel Lowry, Gilbert H. Doane, President, Nebraska Library Association, presiding

Sorry, We Haven't Got It—Herbert Heaton, Professor of History, University of Minnesota.

A. L. A. Endowment—Gratia A. Countryman, Librarian, Minneapolis Public Library

2:30 P. M.—SIGHT SEEING TRIPS, INCLUDING VISITS TO LIBRARIES

8:15 P. M.—MINNEAPOLIS SYMPHONY CONCERT, Northrop Auditorium, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota

Exhibits: Exhibits will be on the Mezzanine Floor, Lowry Hotel. Children's Book Exhibit, St. Paul Public Library will be held in the Exhibition Room, St. Paul Public Library, arranged as a Book Fair.

Advance reservations for the special luncheons should be made with the person in charge, or when registering.

Make reservations for the state breakfast with your state secretary.

Committees

Committee on Arrangements: Webster Wheelock, St. Paul Public Library, Chairman (In charge of Exhibits); Gertrude Krausnick, Hospitality; Amy Moon, Hostesses for Dinner; Helen Rugg, Drive; Mrs. Jean Christmas, Publicity; Mrs. Jennie T. Jennings, Information; Gertrude Glennon, Finance.

Minnesota Library Association

Legislative Committee: Harriet A. Wood, Chairman; Alma M. Penrose, F. K. Walter, Clara F. Baldwin.

Nominating Committee: Dorothy Hurlbert, Chairman; Celia Frost, Florence Love, Margaret Greer.

Resolutions Committee: Maud van Buren, Chairman; Adelaide Rood, Mrs. Harvey Bertelsen, Ethel Berry.

AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

The third largest conference in the history of the American Library Association was held at Los Angeles, June 23 to 28, when 2,100 librarians, library trustees and leaders of organizations interested in library progress met at the Biltmore Hotel for a week of formal and informal discussion of books and library service.

Andrew Keogh, president of the Association, gave the keynote of the conference in his address on "Scholarship in Library Work," at the opening session.

"It is my belief that the scholarly attitude is becoming active and more influential in the life of the country, and not less in library work than in other fields of activity," said Mr. Keogh. As evidences, he cited Mr. Dana's paper, advocating the restriction of fiction in public libraries, and the turning into more scholarly channels the money and effort spent on it; the increasing call for librarians on advisory boards of all kinds; the tendency towards a college degree as a normal entrance requirement by library schools, and towards higher degrees for advanced work; the scholarships and fellowships now available for higher study in bibliography and library science; the generous grants recently made by the Carnegie Corporation to college libraries; the appointment of reader's advisors, not only in public libraries, but in our national library.

The library movement in California was reviewed by Milton J. Ferguson, California state librarian, who told of the successful county library administration in his state; Ella Morgan, librarian of the Lincoln High School Library, Los Angeles, who discussed California school libraries; Althea Warren, first assistant librarian of the Los Angeles Public Library, who spoke on the public libraries of California, mentioning Los Angeles, San Francisco, Sacramento, Pasadena and Santa Barbara as noted for their handsome library buildings; and Max Farrand, director of research at the Huntington Library, who described the treasures of the Huntington Library, among which are manuscripts of the Benjamin Franklin "Autobiography" and the Ellesmere Chaucer.

The new president of the University of California, Robert G. Sproul, spoke on the place of the university library in higher education at the third general session. He stressed the need of a highly trained personnel in any library and the necessity for scholarly librarians in universities.

Alumni education and the radio education of adults were discussed by Levering Tyson, executive head of the new National Council on Radio Education, following Mr. Sproul's address. He said that local alumni and university clubs know of the developments in alumni education, but it has never occurred to their officers that

the library is the heart and source of their problem. Mr. Tyson urged librarians to take the initiative in developing alumni services and especially in aiding the individual alumnus interested in a particular line of study.

In the field of radio education Mr. Tyson recommended that, in general, libraries furnish approved reading lists in connection with existing radio programs, rather than attempt to broadcast programs of their own.

At the closing session of the conference, the Newbery Medal was presented to Rachel Field, author of "Hitty, Her First Hundred Years," (Macmillan) by Effie L. Power, chairman of the Section for Library Work with Children. Miss Field is the first woman to receive the Newbery award, and "Hitty" is the first book to receive two prizes in one year; the doll's "autobiography" having been included in the best fifty books of 1929 chosen by the Typographical Society of America.

At the same session, Ralph Munn, director of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, spoke on the "Social Significance of Library Work with Children;" declaring that better salaries for children's librarians, and greater chances of advancement were necessary if children's work was to continue to attract the best type of children's librarians. He also suggested that the children's librarian, aided by the high school librarian, attack the problem of bridging the gap between children's and adult departments.

Everett Dean Martin, director of the People's Institute in New York City, and author of "Liberty," gave the closing address of the conference on "Some Mental Habits that Make for Civilization."

The barbarian, governed by custom and taboo and essentially conventional and conservative, was contrasted with the civilized man, unimpressed by outworn shibboleths.

"Modern civilization has merely put clothes on the barbarian and mechanized him," said Mr. Martin. "Education must equip people with super-mechanical habits if the values of civilization are to survive . . . Ours is a world civilization. It demands world-mindedness."

New officers of the American Library Association are: Adam Strohm, librarian of the Detroit Public Library, president; Louis R. Wilson, librarian of the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, first vice-president; Charlotte Templeton, librarian of the Public Library, Greenville, South Carolina, second vice-president; Matthew S. Dudgeon, librarian of the Public Library, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, treasurer. Andrew Keogh, librarian of Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut, and Margaret Mann, professor in the Department of Library Science at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, are members of the Executive Board.

Small Libraries Round Table Meeting

The need for staff meetings to discuss books was stressed by Grace Shellenberger, librarian of the Davenport, Iowa, Public Library. These are indispensable:

1st, So that all assistants will understand the problems of the library as a whole and not focus their attention on their own particular task.

2nd, That staffs may know clearly the policies of the librarian and directors, and likewise so the librarian may have the benefit of suggestion and advice of her staff, and,

3rd, That all workers may extend their knowledge of books beyond the limitations of their own reading.

It was recommended that these meetings be held weekly and be informal in tone.

Following this, two new methods of book charging were presented. Winifred Riggs, of the Toledo Public Library, explained the Toledo Method of the Dickman (Machine) Book Charging System. This description and procedure for installing it may be obtained from the Library Efficiency Corporation, New York.

The Detroit System, whereby patrons charge their own books, was presented by Ralph Ulveling of Detroit. This paper will be published in the October issue of LIBRARIES.

Of vital concern to all libraries is the spending of book funds, for in the words of Joanna Hagey, librarian of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Public Library, "upon this depends the success or failure of the library in meeting the legitimate demands of patrons."

At least twenty per cent of the library's income should be expended for books. If the total fund is so small that this proportion is inadequate, efforts should be made to have the tax rate increased.

In deciding where to place orders, it does not seem advisable to secure bids. Rather ask for discount rates from various sources and then decide.

Large city dealers may give larger discounts than local book stores. However, sending charges must be considered. Some favor buying locally, feeling there is an obligation on the library to support a tax paying unit. However, where local prices are high, this would be unfair to other tax payers, as they are entitled to the most economical management that is consistent with good service.

A warning was sounded against buying sets and subscription books regardless of how persuasive the salesman might be. In this connection, attention was called to the "quarterly publication, SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS BULLETIN, which will more than save its price of one dollar."

The final paper by Mrs. Z. K. Rowell of Orange, California, dealt largely with publicity problems.

The greatest need at present is to acquaint the public with the potential value of the library. Cooperative publicity along this line by the profession as a whole would be desirable, but in the absence of it, each institution should undertake a campaign of its own.

The second important means of publicity is maintaining a personal touch with the patron. Over-emphasis can not be given this means, though underbudgeted libraries should not attempt to carry on a first-class service if it must be done at the expense of the worker.

Every one attending the conference is enthusiastic about the excellent arrangements and the delightful California hospitality. A Minnesota breakfast arranged by Margaret Hickman in the Roof-garden cafeteria of the Los Angeles Public Library was well attended by present and former Minnesota librarians.

The Midwinter Meetings of the American Library Association will be held on December 29 and 30 at the Drake Hotel in Chicago.

The 1931 conference will be held at Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

RURAL LIBRARY EXTENSION INSTITUTE

The Rural Library Extension Institute, held in Madison in July, under the auspices of the American Library Association Committee on Library Extension, brought together a group of state and county library workers from 16 states. Under the inspiring leadership of Miss Alice Tyler, old and new problems of library extension were threshed out, and the study of county libraries directed by Harriet C. Long, brought out more convincing proof than ever that the county library is the best solution of the rural library problem. The stimulating courses in Rural Social Organizations, by J. H. Kolb of the University of Wisconsin and Adult Education, by John D. Willard of the American Association for Adult Education afforded a new view-point which threw more light on the library problem, added to the stimulus of meeting with the group of rural social workers from several states.

There were a number of illuminating talks on such problems as county and town government, finance and taxation from specialists in these fields. Other guest speakers were Mr. Milam, Miss Bogle, and Miss Merrill of A. L. A. Headquarters, Essae M. Culver of the Louisiana Library Commission, Miss Countryman of Minneapolis Public Library and Miss Wood of the Library Division.

Projects were carried out by each member of the institute, bringing together a good deal of useful material. Among the social features which helped to promote acquaintance were picnics, boat rides, din-

ners and teas, closing with an entirely frivolous evening, when members of the class entertained the faculty. The conference concluded with a formal luncheon at the Wisconsin Union, when a number of state officials were guests.

LAKE REGION LIBRARY CLUB

The annual meeting of the Lake Region Library Club, held in Crosby June 19-20 was well attended and proceedings were of interest from start to finish.

In answer to roll-call, ten libraries responded with reports of progress. We heard of improvements to buildings, additional equipment, increased appropriations and gifts.

Miss Baldwin, our State Library Director, gave a talk on her 30 years of library work in the state, going back to the early days of library work and comparing with present conditions. Miss Baldwin had just returned from California and was able to give us some valuable information about libraries there. We were much interested in knowing that in order to keep an appointment to visit Los Angeles County libraries, Miss Baldwin "flew" from San Diego to Los Angeles and enjoyed the experience.

Lydia Zent, children's librarian of Fergus Falls read a paper by Amy A. Lewis, librarian, on Library Work with Children.

Mrs. Blanchard, librarian, Little Falls, talking on the 25th anniversary of the library, presented a most interesting poster showing progress along all lines during that period and said that Little Falls hopes to realize during the coming year the ambition to get \$1.00 per capita for library purposes.

During the banquet hour we had delightful readings and musical selections by Miss Machon of Crosby and Miss Drexler of Brainerd.

Mr. Pearl of Crosby in welcoming the visitors, gave some interesting facts on mining conditions in and around Crosby.

Mrs. Bertelsen of Fergus Falls in her response drew attention to the value of these meetings for the worth while social contact, as well as comparison of work accomplished. She said it was the responsibility of the library board to see that there is money to finance the library and pay adequate salaries.

Mr. Perkins, Superintendent of Schools in Crosby outlined the value of the library as an educational institution, comparing the work type of reading with that purely recreational and stressing the value of both.

What does Library Trusteeship Imply, was discussed by Mrs. E. W. Kaliher, a member of the Little Falls library board. Her paper appears in another column.

Friday morning was given over to book talks. Mildred Methven of the Library Division, St. Paul, reviewed briefly but de-

lightfully a valuable list of non-fiction and displayed the books reviewed.

Jean Stewart, librarian, Wadena, in conducting the book symposium made the book talks of especial interest by presenting reviews of books in the Wadena Library given by local readers.

Meetings closed with good live discussion of topics of general interest—after which visitors enjoyed a drive to points of interest.

Officers for the coming year are: President, Alma Penrose, St. Cloud; vice-president, Mrs. Jenny Lind Blanchard, Little Falls; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Georgia Goss, Anoka.

An invitation from the library board of Little Falls to meet there next year was accepted.

JEAN STEWART, Secretary.

*WHAT DOES LIBRARY TRUSTEESHIP IMPLY?

By Mrs. E. W. Kaliher, Trustee,
Little Falls Public Library

The word "Trustee" implies that there is something to be trusted with. Librarians however efficient want a board not as a prop but to interpret their plans for the growth and development of their libraries to the taxpayer.

Time was when it was a simple matter to be a trustee, the position all honors and few duties. But now the library has become a factor in the social life of the community. Now, that, to quote Mr. Bostwick, "We take our eyes from the book and transfer them to the reader," the duties of a trustee are less easily defined. We still have two conceptions of the trustee—First, that he is purely a financial administrative officer contenting himself with looking after buildings, seeing that the library has adequate financial support, familiarizing himself with library law, accepting the library as a trust and acting for it only in his official capacity as a member of a corporate body never individually as a citizen interested in the community of readers.

The second viewpoint brings the trustee into closer and more vital contact with the library. It asks him to do more than audit bills and define its policy. It bids him have the vision of the library's position as the people's university, believe in it constructively. It bids him recognize that the librarian is responsible to him and that he is responsible to the people, that he must get adequate municipal, personal and social support so that the librarian can go forward unhampered and unfettered by petty money worries, but

*Read at meeting of Lake Region Library Club, Crosby, June 19, 1930.

that it is his duty to see that the library returns to the people the greatest amount of good for the money invested, that there is no better opportunity in the community for constructive work than in the service as library trustee. The second viewpoint warns the trustee that he cannot give over his duties to the librarian even though he admit that the success of the library is to him but an incident while it is the librarian's life work, that each must recognize the other's duties but never usurp them.

What constitutes a good trustee? The good trustee—

First—Secures reasonable and adequate financial support for the library. Finance concerns trustees. Trustees are charged with the responsibility of teaching the taxpayer that a public library is an educational institution and the complement of the public schools, that it is as important as the police department or the fire department, hence must have adequate financial support. Trustees must act as "bumpers" for the library and "shock absorbers" for the librarians, so to speak, leaving them free to graciously and efficiently please the public.

Second—The good trustee interprets the library to the community.

Third—Employs an efficient administrative head. Success of a public library depends more than anything else upon the ability of trustees to recognize and select a competent librarian and then, when such is selected the trustee should do all in his power to help the librarian in whatever way he would like his aid.

Fourth—A good trustee does not interfere with administrative details but holds the librarian responsible.

Fifth—Formulates the policies of the library and plans for expansion of service.

Sixth—Attends board meetings regularly. Would it not be a valuable contribution if one would start a successful movement that should result in a practice so universal as to become a custom that a trustee who absents himself for three successive times from a board meeting, unless for an unavoidable reason, should thereby forfeit his claim to the office of trustee? Also a good trustee should attend state, national and regional meetings occasionally and thereby gain some knowledge of the work done in other libraries.

A word to trustees—What impression of civic interest and community pride would your library offer a stranger? Are your trustees keenly interested in your library and alive to its possibilities? Do you insist that it shall be an important factor in the educational life of the town and that it shall be kept out of politics?

Do you succeed in obtaining fair appropriations allowing for fair salaries and enough money for books? Do you keep the needs and the facilities of your library before your townspeople? Is your library the center of all town interest?

DIVISION OF LIBRARY INSTRUCTION UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Frank K. Walter, Librarian
University of Minnesota

At the annual commencement of the University of Minnesota, 33 students completed a year of library training and received their degrees of bachelor of science. These names, with the college from which they received their degrees, follow:

College of Science, Literature and the Arts

Ruth M. Hall (Cum laude), St. Paul.
Della Ruth Shapleigh (Cum laude), Minneapolis.

Tordis O. Vatshaug (Cum laude), Virginia.

Rachel G. Amundson, Cherokee, Iowa.
Theresa J. Amundson, Hanska.
Anita R. Averbook, Minneapolis.
Allegra Bennett, Minneapolis.
Helen C. Bickel, Reeseville, Wisconsin.
Ruth Blankenbuehler, Webster City, Iowa.

Etta Claire Blomgren, Minneapolis.

Sarah Louise Cornell, Minneapolis.

Beatrice N. Forster, Minneapolis.

Bernadette Gormley, St. Paul.

Eleanor Herrmann, St. Paul.

Gwendolyn Jones, Minneapolis.

Anne Kallio, Finlayson.

Margaret E. McConnon, Winona.

Maxine McCutcheon, St. Paul.

Alice H. Palo, Superior, Wis.

Lorraine Recker, Minneapolis.

Lillian M. Reinholdson, St. Paul.

Edith M. Schultz, Minneapolis.

Anne C. Studnicka, Minneapolis.

Valborg Tanner, St. Paul.

Beulah M. Widstrand, Carver.

Maxine E. Wipperman, Hankinson, No. Dak.

Mary B. Wolney, Holdingford.

Leah Wood, Plainview.

Loretta Yager, Minneapolis.

College of Education

Ruth Anderson (with distinction), Rush City.

Mavarette E. Ericson, Isanti.

Gretchen McKown, St. Paul.

Elizabeth Norris, Anoka.

At the commencement of the first half of the summer session, July 24, degrees were granted by the College of Science, Literature and the Arts to Ethel Marie Akesson of St. Paul, Minn., and Maxine Tews of Rochester, Minn.

The third year of the division will begin September 29 with no change in the faculty for the fall quarter. Every effort has

been made, in correspondence and personal interview, to present honestly both the advantages and disadvantages of library work. This has apparently induced some candidates to revise their decisions. Nevertheless, all indications point to a registration quite large enough to tax our instructional facilities.

Summer Session

One hundred and thirty-seven different students from seven different states and the District of Columbia registered for courses in the Summer Session. Forty-two took only one course; fifty-two, two courses, and forty-one attended three courses. Eighty-five were college graduates, seven had three years of college work and thirty-eight were teachers college graduates preparing for school library work. Seven with less than the two-year minimum required for admission for credit in any course were admitted as special "no-credit students" on the basis of their present employment in libraries. As usual, the greater part of those registered were preparing for work as part-time teacher librarians. At the suggestion of the Registrar of the University of Minnesota, a circular letter was prepared and sent to applicants for admission. This pointed out the present (and, we hope, temporary) scarcity of library positions and urged those who were unemployed because of advanced age or lack of outstanding ability in their previous lines of work not to register in library courses, if such registration were prompted by a belief that it would lead to certain employment or easy, well-paid work. Certification of school librarians was repealed at the last session of the Legislature so that it is now a recommended rather than a required standard. Whether these two causes, or self-appraisal of the chances for present library employment were responsible for the drop in registration is not at present determinable. In view of the general misconception regarding library work and its opportunities, a frank statement of the handicaps seems only honest and certainly due to prospective students who have neither the time nor money to take long chances.

CORRESPONDENCE COURSES

The University of Minnesota, through its Correspondence Study Department, is offering three courses in Library Training, these courses to be taken by correspondence, and open for enrollment at any time.

Elementary Reference is the title of the first course, and although it has been offered for only one year, has proven its

serviceability with an enrollment of nearly fifty.

The second course is entitled Elementary Classification and it has had an especially good enrollment for the first six months of use.

Elementary Cataloging is the third course. This course has been offered but a short time and is already proving its serviceability in a satisfactory manner.

All the courses are of sixteen lessons each, and when the examination is satisfactorily passed, the course commands three University credits.

Margaret Greer, who has taught in the University Library School is the instructor of the first course, while Alma Penrose, who also has been an instructor in the University Library School, is the instructor of the second and third courses.

The cost of each course is nominal, being only ten dollars.

Further information can be gotten by writing the Correspondence Study Department, University of Minnesota, and asking for the explanatory digests of these courses.

MINNESOTA YEAR BOOK

Minnesota year book, v. 1. The League, 1930, 5.00.

The League of Minnesota Municipalities and the Municipal Reference Bureau have produced this first year book of information concerning problems in our local and state government. All material is founded on facts which have chiefly been obtained direct from state departments, municipalities, and public utilities. Many chapters on phases of state government are included, besides sections on county, city and village government, taxation and finance, public utilities, fire insurance rates, election processes, regulation of business, professions and occupations, organizations and associations, and census data. Even the smaller libraries will find this useful.

MINNESOTA PICTORIAL MAP

A colorful pictorial map of Minnesota to be called "Head Waters of the Mississippi" has been prepared by the Minneapolis College Women's Club at the suggestion of the Research Department of the Board of Education of the Minneapolis Public Schools. It will be valuable in teaching local history and yet artistic as decorative motif. Price about \$1.25. Write Map Committee, College Women's Club, 310 Groveland Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING LEAGUE

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MAUD VAN BUREN, Librarian.

RECENT BOOKS OF MERIT

Non-Fiction

Willett, Herbert Lockwood. *The Bible through the centuries.* Willett, 1929, 3.00. 220

The author has been actuated by an "earnest desire to know what it is, how it came to be, what claims it makes for itself and what its influence has been upon the people who have used it." Useful for club work.

Narodny, Ivan. *American artists.* Roerich Museum Press, 1930, 1.50. 759.1

This is the first volume of the series "Lights of America," which will be followed by others dealing with individual artists. Ten artists are included in this little book, which ends with a group of illustrative plates.

Clark, Barrett Harper. *An hour of American drama.* Lippincott, 1930, 1.00. 812.9

This is an essay in the One Hour Series on the American drama of the last ten years, with discussions of playwrights and their plays. It is brief but useful.

Topsøe-Jensen, Helge Gottlieb. Scandinavian literature from Brandes to our day. American Scandinavian Foundation, 1929, 3.50. 839

This is the only book of its kind in English and timely as well, with the recent interest in Scandinavian literature. Its introductory survey and selected list of books increase its value. Will be of interest to the many Scandinavian library patrons in Minnesota.

Quennell, Mrs. Marjorie. *Everyday life in Homeric Greece.* Putnam, 1930, 2.50. 913.38

Intended to give boys and girls the atmosphere of the time, the Iliad and Odyssey are used as starting points. Many illustrations add greatly to the value of this book.

Frank, Harry Alverson. *A Scandinavian summer.* Century, 1930, 4.00. 914.8

These are his impressions of five months in Denmark, Finland, Sweden, Norway and Iceland.

Taylor, Thomas Griffith. *Antarctic adventure and research.* Appleton, 1930, 2.00. 919.9

Because of current interest in the Byrd expedition, this book will be popular. It explains the reason for such expeditions and tells of those preceding and including Byrd's. Helpful additional material at this time.

Brenner, Rica. *Ten modern poets.* Harcourt, 1930, 2.50. 920

Young people, especially, will enjoy these readable accounts of Frost, Lowell, Millay, Robinson, Sandburg, De la Mare, Housman, Kipling, Masefield and Noyes. There are photographs and lists of works given.

Linderman, Frank Bird. *American Day, 1930, 3.50.* 970.1

"The life story of a great Indian, Plenty-coups, chief of the Crows." It is an important record of a passing race and will be appreciated by older boys as well as adults.

Hughes, Thomas. *Old Traverse des Sioux.* Herald Publishing Company, St. Peter, Minn., 1929, 2.50. 977.6

A welcome addition to local history shelves, particularly in the southern part of the state. As the gateway into the fur country, it gave promise of great commercial development but few today know even the location of old Traverse des Sioux.

Clark, Henry W. *History of Alaska.* Macmillan, 1930, 2.50. 979.8

An authoritative correction of popular fallacies regarding Alaska. Something of its history, growth and present conditions is given, which makes it very useful in many libraries.

Fiction

Ashton, Helen, pseud. *Doctor Serocold.* D-D, 1930, 2.50.

This is an interesting experiment as well as a capably written story of the events in a single day of a doctor's life—the family doctor making his rounds in an English village.

Boyd, James. *Long Hunt.* Scribner, 1930, 2.50.

Shown through the life of a freedom-loving hunter and trapper, we see a graphic picture of the settlers in the 1800's between North Carolina and the Mississippi. There is an unforgettable picture of his fight with a bear. Many will consider this a book for adults only.

Gibbs, Arthur Hamilton. *Chances.* Little, 1930, 2.50.

Sentimental and not unusual story of the devotion of two brothers and their love for the same girl. Their school boy life in France is the best part of the book.

Milne, Alan Alexander. *Mr. Pim.* Dutton, 1930, 2.50.

An old favorite reprinted, which will be a delightful surprise for those who have never met the absent-minded Mr. Pim.

Morrow, Willsie Honore. *The last full measure.* Morrow, 1930, 2.50.

This concludes the life of Lincoln as Mrs. Morrow has presented it in two preceding novels—*Forever Free* and *With Malice Toward None*.

Rosman, Alice Grant. *The young and secret.* Minton, 1930, 2.00.

A good purchase for any public library for any of its readers, since it is amusing, pleasant and well-written—an unusual combination.

LIBRARY AIDS

Mann, Margaret. *Introduction to cataloging and the classification of books.* A. L. A., 1930, \$3.00. "A thoroughly new approach to the subject, based on experience, consultation and an actual survey of library practice throughout the country. Emphasizes principles although details of actual practice are not overlooked."

Book Selection, by F. K. W. Drury, has been published by the American Library Association at \$2.25. Mr. Drury sets up criteria for judging books in each of the main divisions of the D. C. A few outstanding titles are named in each division to illustrate principles which result and to show how they are applied. Four points which Mr. Drury stresses are, first, the demand in the community; second, anticipated use for reference, circulation or special purposes; third, resources of money, loans and personnel; fourth, the physical make-up of the volume.

Order Work for Libraries, also by Mr. Drury, and a companion to the book above, clarifies details and discusses routine and labor saving devices for handling the order

and the receipt of books, periodicals, serials, gifts, exchanges and other material. It is bound in cloth and priced at \$2.25.

Reference Books of 1929 is a supplement to Mudge's Guide to reference books. It indicates, from the point of view of the general library, some of the more important, useful or interesting of the new publications. It may be obtained from the American Library Association at \$.60, in a paper cover.

Readable Books on Many Subjects, \$.40 in paper, is intended as a guide for readers whose scholastic background is limited. The American Library Association has selected simply written yet interesting books on many subjects, such as radio, life insurance, psychology, etc. Because of the scarcity of reliable yet easy books for adults, this will be a most helpful list in all libraries.

With the appearance of the second and third issues of the **Subscription Books Bulletin**, there has been such an enthusiastic response in all sections of the country that its continuance is assured. Both librarians and educators have pointed out that the Bulletin, in addition to serving as a guide for their own buying, has placed information in their hands with which to answer questions of parents who are attempting to build up good home libraries. The subscription price is \$1.00.

American Library Association. Section for library work with children. Children's books from twelve countries. A. L. A., 1930, \$.50.

Librarians will do well to buy a few of these foreign books, not only for children of immediate foreign parentage but also for children born in this country that they may know what books are read by children of other lands. A list of importers and their addresses is also given.

An exhibit showing **library work with children** has been prepared at A. L. A. Headquarters from material contributed by the children's departments of twenty-six public libraries. It is now available for loan to libraries and library schools, or for exhibit at meetings of library organizations.

Three posters, 22"x28", illustrate Children's Book Week; library service to children through schools and other organizations; and service to youth individually and in groups.

Six scrapbooks show work of the children's department grouped under the headings: Activities and Exhibits; Children's Rooms; Reading Lists (two books); School Work-Publicity; Story Telling—Reading Aloud.

The Public Library at Newark, New Jersey, has revised its pamphlet called **The Picture Collection**, now in its fourth edition. It is published by the H. W. Wilson Company for ninety cents, in a paper cover. New methods and materials

in the use of the picture collection are described. These include the storing and charging of the pictures, suggested uses by the schools and public, a very useful revised list of subject headings, the names of books and pamphlets on picture study, a list of books for identifying pictures and addresses of publishers of pictures. However small their collection, librarians will find this pamphlet most helpful and suggestive.

TRAVELING LIBRARY NOTES

We are including this month a "list of lists," the mimeographed lists of books, often annotated, to which we are adding all the time and which we find such a helpful means of publicity. Those now ready for distribution follow:

Agriculture

Books on farming

Children's lists

Books for the smaller children

Books for children in the lower grades; middle grades; upper grades

Clubs

List of club libraries

Fiction

Detective and mystery stories

Famous novels

Books by popular authors

Recent fiction

Western and northern stories

For the homemaker

Books on homemaking

Child care and training

Books about Indians

Literature

Books recently added

Modern plays

Poetry for every taste

Some recent biographies

Of interest to men

Books for the man in business

Human relationships in a modern world

Picture study

Picture collection

Pictures for art and language study

Reading with a purpose

Spend your spare time in profitable reading

Travel

Africa; England; France and Italy; Germany and the Scandinavian countries; Latin America; The Orient; Russia, Spain and other European countries; United States and Canada

Any of these we will gladly send to librarians who wish them.

A thorough weeding out of the old or undesirable books in the open shelf has been done during the spring and summer months. Our shelflist has been checked with the A. L. A. Catalog and the Standard Catalog sections as far as possible. New books have been ordered to fill the gaps and we feel much better able to fill requests from now on.

Starting with collective biography we are ordering Library of Congress cards and the beginning of a dictionary catalog has been made. This, of course, will be of the greatest assistance to the reference librarian.

Mrs. Halgrim at Thief River Falls reports an encouraging number of contracts with schools for county library service. We like to feel that the traveling libraries supplied last winter to demonstrate the possibilities of such service did their share in provoking interest. What other librarian would care to do the same in her county this year? We stand ready to provide a generous number of libraries.

Books received from the International Mind Alcove include the following:

Russell, Phillips. Red tiger
Sassoon, Sir Philip. The third route
Patrick, M. M. Under five sultans
Keenleyside, H. L. Canada and the United States
Eberlein, H. D. Down the Tiber and up to Rome
Ellis, M. H. Express to Hindustan
Phillips, H. A. Meet the Germans
Sheng-Cheng. A son of China
Books for the children also are:
Lyle, G. M. Little travelers in Wales
Stewart, A. B. Three white cats of Avignon

Chevalier, J. C. Noah's grandchildren
Segur, S. R. Happy surprises
Smalley, Janet. Plum to plum jam
Lomen, Helen. Taktuk
Jacobi, E. P. Adventures of Andris

Our exhibit at the State Fair consisted principally of three models, the idea and working plans supplied by the Illinois Library Extension Division. These show three settings for county libraries—a country school, public library and a farm home. These models can be set up on a three by five table, are collapsible and can be readily mailed. Librarians may borrow these whenever they wish for exhibits—at the library, school, fairs, etc.

Books which may be borrowed from the open shelf are:

Fiction

Cottrell, Tharlane
Gibbs, Hidden city
Gibbs, French leave
Paterson, Road of the gods

Non-Fiction

Bowles, About antiques
Brainard, Outpost of the lost
Chapman, My tropical air castle
Clemenceau, Grandeur and misery of victory
Ghent, Road to Oregon
Hughes, America's England
Hunt, An audit of America
James, The raven
Jones, How to read books
Krutch, Modern temper
Locock, Selection from modern Swedish poetry

Magoffin, Magic spades
Manning, Anthology of Czechoslovak poetry
Maugham, Gentleman in the parlour
Maurois, Byron
Morton, Perfect baby
Munthe, Story of San Michele
Oliver, Foursquare
Paxson, When the West is gone
Post, Personality of a house
Powys, Meaning of culture
Sforza, Makers of modern Europe
Wasserman, Columbus
Woolf, A room of one's own

MILDRED L. METHVEN, Librarian.

NEWS FROM PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Austin—The library endowment fund which was established by the Delphian Club in 1926 now amounts to \$3,790.58, of which \$3500 is invested in bonds, and the remainder is in a savings account.

A graph using the standards given in the Wisconsin American Legion community survey, and showing comparative figures for Austin and other libraries in similar cities, was prepared by the president of the board to present to the city council. As a result the appropriation was increased to \$7500.

A gift of \$25 has been received from the Rotarians, which will be used for business books. This amount will be given annually.

Coleraine—The annual report of the library shows that 777 of the 1593 registered borrowers live outside the village limits. This includes residents of Bovey and Taconite as well as students in grade, high school and Junior College who are in Coleraine during the school year. These boys and girls borrow books for their parents as well as for their own use. Boxes of books are sent to 8 rural schools in the school district.

Duluth—The Woodland group of the Duluth Garden Flower Society held its annual flower show in Woodland branch library August 29.

Grand Marais—A food sale to raise money for books was held in July.

Grand Rapids—At the farm women's camp at the Agricultural school in June, Mrs. Bennett, the librarian gave a talk on the public library and its relation to the to the rural population.

Jackson—Mrs. L. L. Johnson, the librarian, gave a talk on the library at a meeting of the Kiwanis Club in June.

Little Falls—A fine space was given the library at the County Fair. A good exhibit of books and magazines, also material from the magazine reference room attracted much attention and afforded an opportunity to talk to residents from the county about the library and the possibilities of county extension. The county library poster was displayed and leaflets distributed.

Mabel—The public library will have a room in the new municipal building to be finished about September 1st.

Monticello—By a decision of the Supreme Court, the library will receive the total amount of \$4500 deposited in the closed Citizens State Bank by Worth Brasie as a library fund.

Owatonna—The 1930 report of the Owatonna Public Library gives a resume of library progress for the past ten years. An interesting item is that of gifts during this period. If the generosity of library patrons reflects the impression the institution is making upon the community, there is no doubt about the standing of the Owatonna Public Library in the minds of its patrons. Besides cash gifts amounting to \$2161, (these ranged from 50 cent gifts to \$350) the following were presented:

Memorial books for members of the Emanon Club.

Memorial tree for members of the Nineteenth Century Club.

Large flag and staff for reading room in memory of Ernest T. Winship.

Large flag and staff for lawn in memory of Civil War and World War veterans.

Elizabeth Ann Mork Memorial Fund of \$25 a year for books for children of pre-school age.

Alonzo C. Guttersen Memorial Fund of \$100 for books about music and music scores.

Two handsome framed prints for librarian's office.

Framed print of Rose Window of Reims for reading room.

Mounted collection of World War posters and display case for same.

Wheeled double book-case for children's room.

An additional \$800 has been appropriated by the council, making a total of \$6800 from the city.

Pine City—At the annual meeting of the Library Association early in May, Harriet Wood gave a talk on various phases of library work and reviewed several books which are in the library. The reports of officers and librarian showed a prosperous year with good patronage.

Princeton—A gift of \$53.25 has been turned over to the library as the result of a campaign to secure magazine subscriptions.

Rochester—The Rochester Public Library, one of the oldest in the state, will celebrate its 65th anniversary in December. A booklet has been published containing the history of the library and revised by-laws recently adopted by the board.

Royalton—The library maintained by the Women's Study Club has been removed from the doctor's offices to the Lions Club rooms.

St. Paul—Because of the Regional Library Conference, the Children's Room of

the St. Paul Public Library has decided to advance the Annual Book Week Exhibit to October 14 to Nov. 22. The publishers have forwarded advance copies for review and original illustrations of the work of some of the outstanding contemporary illustrators and the local book stores have been very generous in loaning new titles for examination. The Exhibit will take on the nature of a Children's Book Fair and will be held in the Art Exhibition Room, Third Floor of the Main Library.

The Hamline Branch will be ready to serve the community in the new building, at Minnehaha and Snelling Avenues, on September 2. The formal opening will be held early in October.

Plans are being made to move into the new Merriam Park Branch building in October.

Mrs. Jean Christmas, who will be librarian of the Merriam Park Branch, returned September 1, after spending the summer in Oklahoma.

Sauk Rapids—The public library sponsored by the Lions Club was opened June 18 with about 2000 books on the shelves. It is located in the council room, and is open from 10 to 11 a. m. and from 3 to 4 p. m. daily, and on Tuesday and Friday from 7 to 9 p. m. W. C. Porter is librarian. The patronage is encouraging.

Spring Valley—The Arts and Crafts Club has furnished the room formerly used as a rest room as a children's room for grades 1 to 5. A low table, with chairs, benches under the windows and new shelves have been painted a soft green, and the library board re-decorated the room. The club sponsored a benefit movie whereby nearly \$50 was raised for this purpose.

Staples—The library board has adopted the slogan "Every Citizen a Borrower" in a campaign to increase the use of the library.

Virginia—A branch building, costing approximately \$20,000 has been erected on the north side this summer and is now ready for occupancy. On the main floor are the main reading room, children's room, and staff rooms. In the basement is a community room, which is accessible from the outside without opening the library rooms.

Improvements—A good many libraries take advantage of the summer months when work is lighter to have redecorating done and necessary repairs to buildings.

Such improvements are reported at Coleraine, where the entire building was painted and re-decorated; Columbia Heights, where the library show-window has been improved by the addition of plants and a new awning; Glencoe, Jackson, Litchfield, where the walls were freshly decorated, new book-cases built and the lighting improved; Little Falls, where the entire lower floor was redecorated and new window shades hung, and Marshall, where the walls were painted and woodwork varnished.

BUCKHAM MEMORIAL LIBRARY

The Thomas Scott Buckham Memorial Library was dedicated Sunday afternoon, July 20th. The exercises were held on the lawn, the speakers using the entrance porch. The building was presented to the city by Mrs. Anna M. Buckham, the donor, and accepted by Mayor Hadley Bell. Dr. F. F. Kramer, president of the library board, made the dedicatory address, followed by short talks by Rev. John W. Buckham, of Berkeley, California, Gratia Countryman, librarian, Minneapolis public library, and Clara F. Baldwin of the Library Division. An address on The Library in Education was given by James M. McConnell, State Commissioner of Education, and a memorial address by Dr. Donald J. Cowling, president of Carleton College. Music was furnished by the Faribault Band.

The building was open for inspection after the exercises, and its beauty was enhanced by masses of flowers in every room.

The building of creamy yellow Kasota stone is situated on a rise of ground at the end of the main street, its high central tower giving a magnificent height effect to the entire structure. A large vestibule with terrazzo floor, leads into the central lobby, where the modernistic atmosphere is felt. Four massive pillars of Kasota stone support the groined ceiling and an elaborate lantern casts its reflection upon the huge compass, set in a circle eight feet in diameter, made of colored tiles.

To the right of the lobby is the attractive children's room, its walls lined with books, and furnished with the best library equipment. The room opens on to a small sun porch, finished in red quarry tile. On the other side of the lobby is the newspaper and periodical room, fitted with large, easy chairs and spacious tables. Attractive stone fire places are located in both these rooms.

The delivery desk opposite the main entrance leads into the stack room, three stories high, with a capacity of 40,000 books. The librarian's office is back of the periodical room, and a stairway leads up to the main reading and reference room, which opens on to the second floor of stacks. This room gives a charming effect of light and spaciousness. The walls are lined with books and a fire place of Kasota stone has comfortable benches on either side. Over the fireplace hangs a fine portrait of Judge Buckham. At each end of the reading room are small study rooms, which may also be used as conversation rooms. One of these will house Judge Buckham's private library.

Below the main reading room is an auditorium, with a seating capacity of 250, and on the upper floor, are rooms for the Nature Study Club, the Rice County Historical Society, and an art gallery over the stack room.

The entire construction and furnishings of the building are of the very best.

Books were moved during the last week in July, and following an open house on Sunday afternoon, the library opened for circulation of books August 4th. 579 books were taken out, the largest number ever circulated on a summer day.

An exhibit of paintings by Miss Grace McKinstry, was the first to dedicate the art gallery.

VACATION READING

Special programs of vacation reading for boys and girls have been carried out in a number of libraries. An original program for older boys and girls was carried out by Mrs. Robb, the librarian at **Bird Island**, on the "Covered Wagon Era." A number of books were borrowed from the school and the superintendent lent a large old map of the U. S., showing our acquisition of territory, for use in marking the emigrant trails. Various colored papers were used to mark the different routes. The names of members of the club were posted.

At **Chisholm**, a course of nature study was planned, and the stories of thrush's nests, porcupines, fish, etc. brought to the librarian's desk show that the children have linked their reading with the out-of-doors.

A travel tour aboard the S. S. Library, sailing from the Lincoln dock, was arranged for the children of the **Lincoln Branch, Duluth**. **Red Wing** had a Bookland tour for children below the 7th grade. The children of **Owatonna** also read about children of other lands. The Boys and Girls Reading Club of **Paynesville** made use of a traveling library. **Rochester** children were reached through service at the playgrounds, but this year books were returned at the Central library in order to encourage the children to visit the children's room.

Vacation privileges for adult readers were advertised at Chisholm, Cloquet and Duluth.

COUNTY LIBRARY NOTES

Wider horizons in rural book service were discussed at the first Arizona conference of the American Library Association, held at the rim of the Grand Canyon on the evening of June 21.

In an address showing how the state can help to make "books for everybody" a fact as well as a slogan, Clarence B. Lester, library extension committee chairman of the A. L. A., emphasized the need for strong state library extension agencies.

"One of the state's primary duties is to foster public libraries as it fosters schools," Mr. Lester declared in his talk on **The State's Function in Library Service**. "Libraries serve all the people in a com-

munity and are equally important with the schools in the state's educational program for its people. More than 42,000,000 people in the United States are without adequate library service and the majority of these people live in rural communities. A strong state library extension agency promotes book service in rural communities and gives active help in counties wishing to organize libraries."

"Rural public library service is a natural development," Julia Wright Merrill, executive assistant of the A. L. A. Committee on Library Extension, pointed out in her address on The County Library. "The county unit seems equally natural to country people who take for granted a county superintendent of schools, a county agricultural agent and home demonstrator, a county nurse and a county farm bureau. The county is the governmental unit large enough for effective and economical service, small enough for good personal service."

"The county library plan," Miss Merrill continued, "has proved its adaptability to different sections of the country—to California and New Jersey, to Minnesota and Louisiana, and to many states in between."

In the list of County Libraries in the United States, compiled by the A. L. A. Committee on Library Extension, those receiving appropriations of less than \$1000 from the county are omitted.

Anoka County—The county commissioners appropriated \$500 to the Columbia Heights Public Library the past year, making the total county appropriation for library service \$1000.

Dakota County—In addition to individual loans to teachers and other patrons, the South St. Paul library has lent collections of books to school and public libraries during the past year.

West St. Paul schools have made the greatest use of the South St. Paul book groups of any place in the county. In March, a collection of 200 volumes was placed in three West St. Paul schools. In three months the circulation of these books totaled 1,307, which means that each book averaged six readings.

Another test was made in sending 40 books, all recent fiction, to the Farmington public library to augment its supplies. These forty books showed a total circulation of 447, or eleven per book.

Three collections of popular adult fiction were placed in the Orchard Lake schools and a circulation of 219 was reported. Collections of books from the South St. Paul library have been placed in Hastings, Farmington, West St. Paul, Inver Grove, Castle Rock, New Trier schools and in some of the rural schools of Dakota county as well.

The circulation reported is 4,012, not including books loaned to teachers and individuals. The number served during the year is estimated at 2,800.

Pennington County—Eleven rural schools have made contracts for service with the Thief River Falls Public Library.

An attractive booth at the County Fair helped to make contacts with county patrons. Orange and brown crepe paper on walls and ceiling, tied and dyed scarves in shades of orange, red and blue on the tables, colorful posters and a huge basket of honey-suckle foliage, full of red and yellow berries made a gay background for the books.

Ramsey County—The exhibit of the Ramsey County Library Service at White Bear was in the nature of a typical county school-room containing the aids the library has to offer, especially, material available for the various holidays. Primary cut-outs were mounted to form a frieze over a blackboard; mounted pictures and mounted poetry were grouped on the wall; a sand table contained a Christmas scene made from poster material; reference books for the teacher's use were on the desk; a book case with recent children's books was in one corner; typical maps were shown; and an open atlas lay in readiness on the pupil's desk. In order to indicate that adult service is also included in the library work, a book case containing adult books was displayed. More interest was shown in this exhibit than in that of any previous year.

Exhibits at County Fairs were made by the Little Falls and St. Cloud libraries, and at the St. Louis County Fairs at Hibbing and Proctor by Miss Agnes Johnson of Chisholm, chairman of the County Library committee.

JOSEPH GILPIN PYLE

Joseph Gilpin Pyle, librarian of the James Jerome Hill Reference Library of St. Paul, died July 27 at the age of seventy-seven. His death was caused by bronchitis, from which he had suffered for many years. One of Minnesota's most distinguished citizens, he was widely known as librarian, author and editor. James J. Hill confided to him in 1912 his plans for a free reference library in St. Paul, and in 1916 he received formal appointment as librarian. The Library was opened in December, 1921. Mr. Pyle's contribution to library work was the building up of a reference collection by the selective and eclectic method. He believed that in order to save the time of the busy man, only the latest and most authoritative works should have a place in the library. A man of brilliant intellectual attainments and the highest ideals, he was gifted with great personal charm and breadth of sympathy.

PERSONAL

Perrie Jones, state supervisor of institution libraries, sailed August 16 for a two-months visit in England. She will spend a month in Wales visiting friends and will then meet Miss Kathleen Jones, Boston, head of the Institutional Libraries committee of the American Library Association.

Together they will go to Cambridge to attend a meeting where plans to develop hospital library service in England will be made. Miss Jones will later go to London to visit the prison libraries.

Amy A. Lewis, librarian of the Fergus Falls Public Library for over 20 years has resigned her position. The board made acknowledgment to Miss Lewis of her faithful service in the following letter:

In accepting your resignation as librarian of the Fergus Falls Public Library, the board of library trustees asks me to express to you its sense of appreciation for your many years of faithful service as chief of the library staff.

When you took charge 20 years ago the "staff" consisted of yourself alone. The library's growth to nearly three times its size at that time, its development of scientific classifying, its intelligent conduct in the interest of readers, have all been in your hands.

The board feels that without your competent work and devoted interest much of the progress made would have been lost. It wishes to thank you heartily for all this, and for the stimulus that your knowledge and love of literature have been to the reading public.

Neither this city nor this board will ever forget what you have done in behalf of its public library and its literary and cultural standards.

Very sincerely yours,
H. M. Wheelock,
President Library Board.

Margaret McIntosh, University of Wisconsin, 1925, and Wisconsin Library School, 1927, assistant librarian of Connecticut College for Women for the past three years has been elected librarian and will begin work September 15, when Miss Lewis retires.

Bernice Colby, Hospital department, Minneapolis public library, has resigned to become librarian of the International Falls public library.

Ellen B. Lawin has resigned as librarian at International Falls to complete her course at the University of Minnesota.

Hazel Roche resigned her position at Pipestone to become Children's librarian at the Parmly Billings Memorial Library, Billings, Montana.

Vira Morgan, assistant librarian at Pipestone has resigned to become assistant at Davenport, Iowa.

Ruth Lee Rinkel, of Mankato, B. A. American University, Washington, D. C. 1929, and Illinois Library School, 1930

has been elected librarian of both the public and high school libraries in Pipestone.

Astrid Hanson, Sioux City, Iowa, a graduate of Augustana College, Illinois has been made assistant librarian.

Ella J. Adams, librarian of the Hutchinson public library for the past 15 years, has resigned on account of health. Susan Wakefield is filling the position temporarily.

Lucille Hawkins is now librarian at Columbia Heights, succeeding Irene Carmody who resigned to take a course in nursing.

Mrs. John Devine has resigned as librarian at Howard Lake after completing twenty-five years of service for the Library and Improvement Club.

Mrs. Jennie Foster, librarian at Waterville for 15 years died May 12, 1930 of heart trouble.

Mrs. C. F. Greening, a member of the library board at Grand Meadow since in the 70's, died May 7, 1930. Although nearly 80 years of age she never lost interest in community affairs and was an active member of many civic and church organizations.

Constance Humphrey of the St. Paul Public Library has accepted the position of head cataloguer in the Public Library, Flint, Mich., beginning her new duties Aug. 16th.

Clara M. Penfield, of the Minnesota Historical Society Library, has been appointed first assistant in the Catalog Department of the Public Library, Flint, Mich., beginning Sept. 1.

Margaret Mount of the St. Paul Public Library will return to the State Teachers' College, Ellensburg, Washington, where she is head librarian.

News of the tragic death of Ruth M. Palmquist in an accident at Lake Minnetonka Aug. 21st came as a shock to her friends and associates at the St. Paul Public Library. She was employed in the Catalog Department, where her accurate and painstaking work made her a valued assistant. Her death brings a loss to the library and sorrow to her many friends.

New assistants in the Minneapolis Public Library are: Elizabeth Bond, Circulation Department; Beatrice Forster, Minnesota Library School, East Lake Branch; Dorothy Gaffney, Western Reserve, Walker Branch (children's librarian); Cynthia Kincaid, Minnesota Library School, Logan Park Branch; Florence Salzer, Carnegie Library School, 1930, North Branch; Edith Schultz, Minnesota Library School, Business Branch; Valborg Skobba, Los Angeles Library School, Linden Hills Branch; Maxine Sperry, Wisconsin Library School, Roosevelt Branch; Katherine Yetter, Hosmer Branch (children's librarian). Isabel McLaughlin returned to Sumner Branch on September 1st.

The following transfers have been made: Lillian Cooperman, Central Children's Room, to North Branch; Mrs. Alice Bins, North Branch, to Hospital Department; Alice Brunat, Hosmer Branch, to Central Children's Room; Ellen Finnegan, Linden Hills Branch, to Nokomis Junior.

Resignations have occurred as follows: Mary Nolan Cracraft from the Circulation Department and Irene Helland from Logan Park Branch, to attend Library School; Bernice Colby from the Hospital Department to take charge of the Public Library at International Falls; L. Frances Engstrom from Roosevelt Branch to take a trip around the world; Margaret J. Hooper from Sumner Branch; Mrs. Naomi Cran dall from the North Branch; and Mrs. Dorothy Hickey from Walker Branch.

Grace W. Estes, formerly librarian of traveling libraries, Minnesota, has joined the staff at A. L. A. headquarters as assistant to the Committee on Library Extension.

Helen Cornell, formerly reference librarian, in the Library Division was married in July to Henri de Booy of Big Lake, Minnesota.

Mildred Kress, reference librarian, had leave of absence to take the 8 weeks summer course at the University of Illinois Library School, thus completing one semester of library training.

Corinne Wolpers, formerly assistant in the Winona public library, and for the past two years a student at the University of Minnesota, began work as children's librarian in the Rochester public library July 1st.

Frances Klune, of Chisholm, Wisconsin Library School, 1930, has been appointed children's librarian at Chisholm beginning August 1.

Mrs. Grace W. Barry, cataloger, University Farm Library, has received a Civil Service appointment in the War Department library, Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Helen Wheeler has resigned as assistant in the Moorhead public library. Mrs. T. C. Wilson is her successor.

Minnie Zimmerman, Spring Valley, Minn., a graduate of Hamline University and Wisconsin Library School, 1929, has been appointed assistant librarian at Winona Teachers College, succeeding Erna Stech, resigned.

Elizabeth Scripture, librarian, John Marshall High School, Minneapolis, has resigned her position to accept a position as Supervisor of school libraries, Denver, Colorado. Miss Scripture will be greatly missed by the group of school librarians, among whom she has been a leader.

Margaret Fulton, Western Reserve, 1930, has been appointed school librarian at Mankato.

Elizabeth Mitchell of Mountain Iron, formerly librarian of the Greenway high school, Coleraine, has been appointed high school librarian at Aurora.

Graduates of the Division of Library Instruction, University of Minnesota have been appointed as follows: Ruth Anderson, school librarian, Nashwauk; Anita Averbook, temporary assistant in the New Haven, Connecticut public library; Helen Bickel, children's assistant, Madison, Wisconsin public library; Claire Blomgren, assistant, biological and medical department, University of Minnesota library; Ruth Blankenbuehler, assistant, Davenport, Iowa, public library; Elizabeth Norris, librarian, Albert Lea Junior High School; Valborg Tanner, assistant, Order department, University of Minnesota library; Mollie Agnich, temporary asst., Order Dent., University Library; Lucile Fahey, librarian, Cretin High School, St. Paul; Anne Kallio, cataloger, University Farm Library.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination for HOSPITAL LIBRARIAN, to fill vacancies in Veterans' Bureau hospitals throughout the United States. Entrance salary, \$1800 a year.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES DEPARTMENT

TRAINED SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICE IN MINNESOTA

The Accredited Schools in Minnesota have been reclassified. The following table gives under each class the names of the schools in which the librarians have at least six quarter credits of library training and indicates whether the librarians are giving full-time or part-time.

The results of the library courses given at the University of Minnesota and elsewhere in the state are apparent. Out of 533 secondary schools 306 have trained librarians.

The Annual Reports this year were very carefully compiled and were received from all of the schools in the state except the ungraded schools. The promptness with which the reports were sent in and the progress shown in the written section of the reports are indicative of the increasing usefulness of the school libraries. The first duty of the school librarian is to look over the last annual report filed in the Superintendent's office in order to see what the situation is, what records need to be kept and what points need emphasis.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Graded Elementary Schools Associated with Accredited Secondary Schools

There are 684 Graded Elementary schools which are parts of larger school systems. Every school building is expected to have a library room. In the smaller places the grade school is housed in the same building with the secondary school and uses the same library room. In the larger places there are separate grade buildings with library rooms. This year, for the first time, separate annual report blanks have been filled out for the grade school libraries in separate buildings. In these buildings the principal generally acts as librarian. Sometimes the school librarian divides her time between the grade and high school library. There is an increased number of grade buildings with librarians with library training. A more complete study of the situation in the elementary schools will be given later.

Accredited Graded Elementary Schools Not Associated with Secondary Schools

47 schools, 2 with trained librarians.
Full-time: Edina. Part-time: Mahtomedi.

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

High School Departments

129 schools offering 2, 3 and 4 years of work, 44 with trained librarians.

Minimum Enrollment 20 Minimum No. Teachers 2 Curriculum: Restricted.

Part-time: Albany, Arco, Beardsley, Beaver Creek, Big Falls, Chokio, Claremont, Danube, Deephaven, Dover, Emmons, Foley, Franklin, Gibbon, Goodhue, Grasston, Grove City, Holdingford, Howard Lake, Humboldt, Huntley, Lafayette, Lakeville, Laporte, Magnolia, Maynard, Meadowlands, Milan, Montrose, Newfolden, North Branch, Northome, Ogilvie, Oklee, Pequot, Raymond, Ruthon, St. Clair, St. Paul Park, Swanville, Taunton, Triumph-Monterey, Truman, Welcome.

Four-Year High Schools—Class A

144 schools, 50 with trained librarians.
Minimum Enrollment 30 Minimum No. Teachers 3 Curriculum: Restricted.

Part-time: Adrian, Akeley, Alberta, Amboy, Badger, Balaton, Becker, Bellingham, Big Lake, Bird Island, Brewster, Broton, Buffalo Lake, Ceylon, Chaska, Clarissa, Climax, Clinton, Cyrus, Delavan, Dilworth, Eden Prairie, Eden Valley, Edgerton, Elmore, Finlayson, Glyndon, Grand Marais, Henderson, Hill City, Jeffers, Kasota, Kelliher, Lancaster, Lester Prairie, Lyle, McGregor, Mantorville, Mazzeppa, Medford, Milroy, Morristown, Morton, Morley, Murdock, Nicollet, Okabena, Parkers Prairie, Pemberton, Randolph, Royalton, Sacred Heart, Sebeka, Starbuck, Stephen, Stewart, Storden, Ulen, Upsala, Verdi, Wabasso, Wahkon, Walnut Grove, Wrenshall.

Four-Year High Schools—Class B

134 schools, 102 with trained librarians.
Minimum Enrollment 75 Minimum No. Teachers 5 Curriculum: Limited enrichments.

Full-time: Chatfield, Madison, Morris, Mound, Pine Island, Princeton.

Part-time: Ada, Adams, Alden, Annandale, Arlington, Barnum, Belle Plaine, Blackduck, Blooming Prairie, Breckenridge, Bricelyn, Caledonia, Cannon Falls, Cass Lake, Comfrey, Dassel, Dawson, Delano, Dodge Center, East Grand Forks, Elbow Lake, Elk River, Ellendale, Farmington, Fertile, Frazee, Fulda, Garden City, Glencoe, Granite Falls, Hallock, Hancock, Harmony, Hawley, Hector, Herman, Heron Lake, Hills, Hinckley, Houston, Ivanhoe, Jackson, Janesville, Kerkhoven, Lake Benton, Lake City, Lakefield, Lamberton, Lanesboro, LeSueur Center, Lewiston, Lindstrom-Center City, Littlefork, McIntosh, Mabel, Maple Lake, Mapleton, Melrose, Monticello, Moose Lake, Mora, Mountain Lake, New Prague, New Richland, New York Mills, North St. Paul, Norwood-Young America, Olivia, Ortonville, Park Rapids, Pelican Rapids, Perham, Pine River, Red Lake Falls, Renville, Roseau, Rush City, Sandstone, Sauk Rapids, Shakopee, Sherburn, Slayton, Spring Grove, Spring Valley, Stewartville, Tower, Twin Valley, Tyler, Walker, Warren, Warroad, Waterville, Wells, West Concord, Winnebago.

Four-Year High Schools—Class C

45 schools, 21 with trained librarians.
Minimum Enrollment 200 Minimum No. Teachers 10 Curriculum: Extensive enrichments.

Full time: Cloquet, Coleraine, Ely, Glenwood, Hastings, Minneapolis (Central, South, West) Montevideo, Moorhead, Mountain Iron, New Ulm, Pine City, Pipestone, Red Wing, St. Cloud, St. Louis Park, St. Paul (Central, Mechanic Arts), South St. Paul, Thief River Falls, Wadena.

Part-time: Alexandria, Anoka, Benson, Blue Earth, Cambridge, Columbia Heights, Crookston, Detroit Lakes, Fairmont, Hutchinson, Litchfield, Luverne, Milaca, Northfield, St. James, St. Peter, Stillwater, Tracy, Wayzata, White Bear Lake, Winkedom.

Junior-Senior High Schools—Class B

15 schools, 9 with trained librarians.
Minimum Enrollment 60 Jr., 40 Sr. (100) Minimum No. Teachers 6 Curriculum: Limited enrichments.

Full-time: Buhl, Duluth (Morgan Park).

Part-time: Appleton, Lake Crystal, Plainview, Proctor (East Side, Summit) St. Charles, Sleepy Eye.

Junior High Schools—Class C

56 schools, 43 with trained librarians.
Minimum Enrollment 150 Minimum No. Teachers 6 Curriculum: Extensive enrichments.

Full-time: Albert Lea, Austin, Biwabik, Chisholm, Duluth (East, Lincoln, Washington), Faribault, Fergus Falls, Hibbing (High School Building, Lincoln), Hopkins, International Falls, Mankato (Franklin, Lincoln), Minneapolis (Bryant, Edison, Franklin, Jefferson, Jordan, Lincoln, Marshall, Nokomis, Roosevelt, Washburn), Keewatin, Nashwaik, Owatonna, Redwood Falls, Rochester, St. Paul (Washington) Sauk Center, Two Harbors, Willmar.

Part-time: Aitkin, Bemidji, Crosby-Ironton, Eveleth, Grand Rapids, Little Falls, Staples, Winona, Worthington.

Senior High Schools—Class C

40 schools, 37 with trained librarians.

Minimum enrollment 100 Minimum No. Teachers 5 Curriculum: Extensive enrichments.

Full-time: Albert Lea, Austin, Biwabik, Chisholm, Duluth (Central, Denfeld), Eveleth, Faribault, Fergus Falls, Hibbing (High School Building), Hopkins, International Falls, Mankato, Minneapolis (Edison, Marshall, North, Roosevelt, Washburn), Keewatin, Nashwaik, Owatonna, Redwood Falls, Rochester, St. Paul (Humboldt, Johnson, Washington), Sauk Center, Two Harbors, Virginia, Willmar.

Part-time: Aitkin, Bemidji, Crosby-Ironton, Grand Rapids, Little Falls, Staples, Winona, Worthington.

MINNESOTA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Public School Librarians' Section

The meeting of the M. E. A. will be held in Minneapolis October 31. Martha Wilson of the Lincoln Library, Springfield, Ill., the author of "School Library Management" and "School Library Experience," will be the chief speaker at the meeting of the Library Section of the Minnesota Educational Association. Another speaker will be Theodore Utne of the State Department of Education who will give a brief talk emphasizing the Newer Trends in Education. The new school library slide film "Boys, Girls and Books in the Modern School Library" will be shown. The film shows pictures of many activities carried on by school libraries today.

The usual luncheon will be held. Make reservations with Beatrice Wightman, Jefferson Junior High School, Minneapolis.

SCHOOL LIBRARY LETTER, SEPT. 1930

To the Librarian:

September in the School Library is the month for getting a good start for the year. The State Library Division, especially the Supervisor of School Libraries, desires to serve you.

1. Personnel Record.

A blank has been issued which the librarian is requested to fill out and return promptly.

2. School Library Lists

Part I containing the Elementary and Junior High School List was sent to

the Schools and a copy should be kept in the library for the use of pupils and teachers. It includes The School Library Manual. Please read this manual.

Part II containing the Senior High School List has just been issued and sent to the schools. Attach Part II to Part I and encourage the use of both lists by pupils and teachers.

3. Borrowing Materials

Librarians should send for, keep accurate record of and return all books, pictures or pamphlets for the school. The leaflet "Free Books" will be furnished on request. Make clear, definite requests: such as,

"Please send me a copy of Walpole's Jeremy," giving author in every case if possible. (See School Library Lists).

Please send me a book on the colonial period in American history for fifth grade. A request for a book on History is too general. Make temporary cards or slips for lending borrowed materials.

Books on the School Library Lists may be borrowed for examination before purchase.

Debating: Plenty of state material is on hand to supply the schools.

Special Topics: Graded and topical lists will be sent on request. (See Traveling Library Notes, p. 220.)

Pictures: Visual aids may be borrowed. Our Picture Collection is growing in popularity.

4. Circulation Record

While circulation is not the main point of emphasis, it is an indication of the work of the library with various groups. The librarians are only requested to report the home circulation. The room use is of interest and if kept should be reported separately.

Printed forms may be secured from the various library supply houses, or a sheet for the month may be prepared by following the ruling under the heading "Circulation" on the annual library report blank. Write to the Library Division for further information.

HARRIET A. WOOD.

AIDS FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

American Library Association. Graded list of books for children, compiled by Nora Buest. 1930 A. L. A. \$2.

Complete revision of the former list expanded to 1500 titles and is the work of a committee of children's librarians.

—500 books for the senior high school library, compiled by Meta Schmidt. 1930 A. L. A. 75c.

This list is the work of a committee of experienced librarians. It is conservative and tested.

Johnson, Mrs. M. F. Manual of cataloging and classification for elementary school libraries. 1929. Wilson 50c.

The author of this carefully prepared and useful aid has had years of experience in the Detroit school libraries.